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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION (ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT)

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of September 19, 2005 (the "Office Action"), requiring restriction of claims in this application. In particular, the Office Action requires the election of claims in Group I (i.e., Claims 1-9) purportedly drawn to a "system" and Group II (i.e., Claims 10-18) purportedly drawn to a method. Applicant respectfully submits that the requirement for restriction is improper and should be withdrawn for the reasons set forth herein. In the alternative, applicant hereby elects the claims of Group I (i.e., Claims 1-9) with traverse.